THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Sutiaput Reservoir Project (Medium) was accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources for an estimated cost of Rs. 46.95 crore in its 80th meeting held on 7.2.2003 subject to concurrence of the State Finance Departments which is still awaited.

(b) Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance are primarily the responsibility of State Governments based on their priorities.

(c) and (d) The major irrigation project proposals of Kelo Project and Rajiv Augmentation Scheme (Phase-ll) received from the Government of Chhattisgarh in July, 2003 and November, 2004 respectively are at different stage of techno-economic appraisal. Comments on various aspects of project proposals have been sent to the State Government for compliance. The Clearance of project depends upon the promptness with which the State Government arrange satisfactory compliance to observations of Central appraising agencies.

Per capita water storage In the country

3036. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present level of per capita water storage in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan for increasing the present level to ensure appropriate water security; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The per capita water storage capacity in the country is about 207 cubic metre per year.

(b) and (c) State Governments conceive, plan and implement major, medium & minor schemes for utilization of water resources. Storage capacity of about 213 BilIion Cubic Metre (BCM) has been created so far. As per present assessment, the total estimated storage capacity of the various projects under construction is about 76 BCM and that for the projects under formulation is about 108 BCM.